AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A locking device [[(5)]] for locking a filler neck compartment cover of a vehicle that can be moved into an open position and into a closed position, having a locking element [[(20)]] for blocking the filler neck compartment cover in the closed position and having a servo drive [[(19)]] for displacing the locking element [[(20)]] from a release position into a blocking position, characterized in that the locking device [[(5)]] is designed as a preassembled, modular unit and can be fastened in the edge region of a mounting opening [[(3)]] provided in a body part [[(1)]] and serving to house a filler neck compartment [[(7)]] and has at least one retaining groove [[(41)]] which can be pushed onto a retaining flange [[(43)]], the retaining flange [[(43)]] being located in or on the mounting opening [[(3)]].

2. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the mounting opening [[(3)]] has a marginal cutout [[(45)]].

3. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining flange [[(43)]] is formed on the marginal cutout [[(45)]].

4. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining groove [[(41)]] is provided on a housing [[(33)]] of the filler neck compartment cover lifting means [[(21)]].

5. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the filler neck compartment cover lifting means

[[(21)]] has at least two retaining webs [[(37, 39)]] arranged at a distance from one another and in that each of the retaining webs [[(37, 39)]] has a retaining groove [[(41)]].

6. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized by~~ wherein an engagement opening [[(35)]] for a mating element on the filler neck compartment cover that interacts with the locking element [[(20)]].

7. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized by~~ wherein a filler neck compartment cover lifting means [[(21)]] comprising a push-push mechanism.

8. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the servo drive [[(19)]] and the filler neck compartment cover lifting means [[(21)]] are themselves each designed as modular units and are preferably detachably connected to one another.

9. (currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, when in the mounted state, the filler neck compartment [[(7)]] engages into the free space between the retaining webs [[(37, 39)]], and in that the filler neck compartment [[(7)]] can be fastened to the filler neck compartment cover lifting means [[(21)]], in particular to the retaining webs [[(37, 39)]], and/or to the body part [[(1)]].